

E. M. T. A. Holding Dist. Meeting Here

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Through the effort of T. P. Peterson, first vice-president of the East Michigan Tourist Association, and with the cooperation of Chris W. Olsen, Dr. C. R. Keyport, Fred R. Welsh and O. P. Schumann, directors of the Association, President Bruce Anderson has approved of the second district meeting of the Association being held at Grayling. The meeting will be evening of January 8, beginning with a dinner at the Shoppenagons Inn, to which Crawford County members of the association, supervisors and a few honored guests are invited with their wives.

The district meetings are for the purpose of discussing plans and activities of the organization for the coming season, and for members and officers to become better acquainted with the various parts of the really large district serviced by the organization.

Tickets are placed at the nominal sum of fifty cents. Since there is a large invitation list it becomes necessary that acceptances be filed with Vice-President T. P. Peterson promptly.

We are looking forward to giving the genuine Grayling hospitality to these officers who are honoring us with their presence.

Matheson-Heger

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Matheson announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Isabel, to Herbert Heger of Detroit. The happy event was solemnized at the First Lutheran church at Bowling Green, Ohio, last Saturday afternoon, the rites being performed by Rev. E. Rudolph Walborn in the presence of the groom's brother, Melvin, and wife of Detroit, who accompanied them on the trip. Following the ceremony the bridal party went to Fort Wayne, Ind., for a short visit with the young man's father, then returned to Detroit. The happy couple arrived here Sunday evening and after a wedding dinner at the home of the bride's parents they left for Cadillac where they will make their home.—Roscomon Herald News.

The bride is very well and favorably known to Grayling young people, having attended many school activities here. The Avalanche extends best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Heger as well as to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Matheson.

TEDDY BENNETT GIVEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Frank Bennett entertained with a birthday party in honor of her son Teddy, on his tenth birthday, last Saturday afternoon. The table set for the ten little guests was centered with a birthday cake with green and pink candles, which were the colors used throughout.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent playing games, followed by a theater party in the late afternoon.

Larsen-Hamilton Nuptials at Caro

(The Bay City Times)

Caro, Mich.—In surroundings in keeping with the happy Christmas season, Miss Avis Ruth Larsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larsen, was married at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon to Mr. Clayton V. Hamilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton of Rogers City. Dr. J. Leslie French, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Caro, was the officiating clergyman.

The wedding took place in the spacious living room of the Larsen home. A beautiful background of tall baskets of evergreens and white chrysanthemums, and tall white candelabrae gave the air of Christmas. Fifty guests attended, all relatives of the young couple. The bride wore a floor-length gown of green chiffon velvet and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. Her maid of honor was her sister, Miss Doris Larsen, who wore a floor-length rust moire gown, and carried Johanna Hill roses. Leonard Hamilton, Rogers City, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Mrs. Leonard Hamilton of Rogers City, and Miss Beryl Pober, Detroit, sang "I Love You Truly." At five o'clock a wedding supper was served the guests at Hotel Montague.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton left after the festivities on a honeymoon to Florida. For her going away attire, the bride wore a black and white suit, with black accessories. They will return to Caro January 10, and will make their home at 322 W. Frank street.

Mrs. Hamilton is a graduate of Caro high school and Central State Teachers' College, Mt. Pleasant, and has been a teacher in the Caro grade school for several years. Mr. Hamilton is employed as foreman of the E. B. Schwaderer road contracting firm of Cass City. The bride was honored with many showers and other functions in the weeks which intervened between the announcement of her engagement and wedding.

Mrs. Hamilton was born in Grayling and lived here with her parents for some seven years. She moved, with her parents, from here to Johannesburg where they lived for nine years before making their residence at Caro.

Friends in Grayling of Mrs. Hamilton and of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Larsen are very happy for them and with the Avalanche extend congratulations and best wishes.

Those attending the wedding from Grayling were the bride's grandfather, Mr. Hans Petersen, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY

Mrs. Wm. Gohnick entertained several friends and relatives with a Christmas Eve chicken dinner at her home on the South Side, last Friday evening. The rooms were attractively decorated in pink, a lighted Christmas tree and Christmas plants.

Pinochle was the diversion of the evening followed by the delicious Christmas dinner.

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The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—Appointment of Richard Frankenstein, C.I.O. leader, to the state emergency relief commission has brought several interesting developments.

Coming on the heels of the A. F. of L. endorsement of the governor's labor policy, as voted at a Lansing meeting called to formulate a labor relations bill, the Frankenstein appointment to a key position in the state relief machinery strengthened conviction of observers that Murphy will soon announce his candidacy for re-election.

Several days after the Frankenstein appointment was announced here, the C.I.O. unions held a meeting in Lansing and passed a resolution asking the governor to call a special session of the legislature to "give immediate assistance to the state's unemployed." The resolution was adopted by 206 delegates from 74 Michigan locals.

Relief Funds Short

The C.I.O. move was neatly timed, as it immediately followed an announcement by George F. Granger, assistant emergency relief administrator, that funds available for relief work in January would fall \$905,000 short of anticipated needs.

Another development is the almost unanimous belief that the legislature will be called back for a second special session early in 1938. February 1 is a date frequently mentioned.

Session topics:
1. Unemployment relief.
2. Labor relations board.
3. Minimum wage. (Dependent on congressional action).
4. Immediate benefits from unemployment compensation instead of waiting until July 1, 1938, the date set by the legislature when payments can be made to jobless workers.

5. Housing authority amendment so that municipalities of 10,000 population or more can

qualify for federal housing loans.

Recession Slackens

Despite the recent recession of business which hit the industrial centers first, particularly those in the automotive field, signs are in evidence that the bottom has been reached.

Business Week, a national publication, reports that the upturn has taken place and that the recession is now in a period of convalescence.

The national business map, as compiled from federal reserve statistics, shows that Michigan still enjoys a better-than-national average for business. Times are not as good as they were expected to be, but on the other hand they are ahead of 1936 and we can all be thankful for that.

Upper Peninsula Sports

An extensive program of winter sports is being planned by the Upper Peninsula under the leadership of the Upper Peninsula Development bureau.

The first ski club in the Lake Superior region was organized at Ishpeming on Jan. 24, 1887. You may be interested to know that the treasurer had the choice name of Ole Rye.

Ishpeming is the birthplace of many skiers who have won national renown. It is the home town of the famous Biella brothers—Anselm, Leonard, Roy, Ralph, Walter and Paul. When he was 15 years old in 1933, Paul Biella established the boy's world record by jumping 196 feet on "Suicide Hill" at Ishpeming.

The Ishpeming winter carnival will feature the Upper Peninsula sports program this season. Other towns will send their winter sports queens to compete for the Upper Peninsula title.

Towns which are planning winter sports carnivals are Escanaba, Houghton, Munising, Ironwood, Iron Mountain, Gladstone, Iron River, Sault Ste. Marie, Menominee, Calumet, Marquette, Alston, Negaunee and Crystal Falls.

Escanaba boasts of the largest outdoor skating rink in Michigan. Menominee goes in for ice boat

ing. Munising and Iron Mountain favor tobogganing as well as skiing.

Bank Receiverships

The state banking department, headed by Charles T. Fisher Jr., reports continued progress in its campaign to liquidate assets in closed state banks or affiliated trusts. Of the 22 terminations on record so far for 1937, 10 of them the depositors received a 100 per cent payoff. The total will run close to \$15,000,000.

"This year's record is a fore-runner of a great many more receiverships or trust terminations next year and the year thereafter," said Mr. Fisher recently. "We are getting down to the drags of the assets now. . . . The measure of our success in this field will be gauged in the future, not so much by individuals paid, as by terminations and consolidations of receiverships to decrease expenses and duplication of effort."

"Handcuffing" Laws

Industrial leaders in Michigan maintain that they have cooperated fully to advance the welfare of the worker.

Here is a quotation from an address by L. C. Upton, president of the Michigan Manufacturers' association and president of the Nineteen Hundred Corp., of St. Joseph:

"State legislative enactments have not crippled Michigan industry. The association has cooperated with the Administration and the Legislature in the enactment of laws for the protection of the health of workmen, and for the compensation of those who have acquired diseases in their employment.

"We have opposed the enactment of labor laws that would create further unrest, that would deprive men of the right to work, and that would deprive the individual of his right to contract with his employer. That kind of one-sided legislation, we believe, has reacted to the detriment of the worker."

New Hospital Idea

State hospitals should extend their services to the communities within the territory they serve.

This is the plan of Dr. Joseph E. Barrett, newly appointed director of the Michigan State Hospital commission.

For example, each state hospital should sponsor and maintain a system of out-clinics which would cooperate with physicians,

Newlyweds To New York City On Honeymoon

(From Cheboygan Tribune)

Miss Ina Conboy of this city and Lloyd Pickett of Alpena spoke their wedding vows Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at an impressive service performed by Rev. Fr. Felix Vogt at the St. Mary's Rectory in Saginaw.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Conboy of this city and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pickett of Lansing.

During the ceremony Mrs. Ethel Schmidt sang "I promise You."

For her wedding the bride chose an attractive three piece green wool suit with beautiful wolf collar. She wore a small velvet hat to match her suit and a corsage of orchids. Miss Eleanor Tumuth of Grayling, was maid-of-honor. She was attired in a smart blue wool suit with hat to match. Her corsage consisted of gardenias.

Donald Pickett of Flint, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Mrs. Conboy and Mrs. Pickett, mothers of the young couple, wore lovely corsages of pink and peach roses.

Following the service a wedding breakfast was served at Hunt's Food Shop in Lansing for thirty guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickett left Monday afternoon for New York City on their honeymoon. Upon their return to Alpena they will take up their residence on Washington Avenue. Mr. Pickett owns and operates the Pickett Pharmacy in Alpena.

A host of friends extend congratulations and best wishes to the couple for a happy and prosperous future.—Cheboygan Daily Tribune.

Miss Conboy has been a successful teacher in the third grade of the Grayling public schools for several years from which position she resigned recently. During her stay here she won many friends who wish for her the very best. Congratulations.

MASQUERADE BALL NEW YEAR'S EVE

Grayling people will be celebrating the arrival of 1938 tomorrow night at the Masquerade Ball which is being put on this year by the American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps. Music for the party which is being held at the High School gymnasium, will be furnished by the Lake City Melody Makers. A feature of the evening will be a grand march and prizes for various costumes.

The various committees are at work and a big party with a good time for everyone is being arranged, so meet your friends there and see the new year in together.

Be sure to read "The Five Musketeers", the first in a series of complete, breathtaking stories by SAX ROHMER, starting next Sunday in "This Week" Magazine, with The Sunday Detroit News.

the courts, social welfare agencies and individuals.

Hospitals should afford facilities for training and research in mental hygiene and psychiatric nursing.

Dr. Barrett envisions an educational campaign, sponsored by the state and the physicians, whereby residents would be acquainted with early signs and symptoms of mental diseases and told what should be done.

\$13.38 Per Diem

A fifth of Governor Murphy's salary for 1937 is involved in an unexpected legal problem which Lieut. Gov. Leo J. Nowicki dumped unexpectedly upon the lap of Auditor General George T. Gundry.

The state constitution reads: "The Lieutenant Governor or Secretary of State, while performing the duties of governor, shall receive the same compensation as the Governor."

Michigan's governor gets a per diem pay of \$13.38. He also receives a like sum as a member of the state administrative board.

When Nowicki sent in a bill for 72 days' pay as presiding governor for a total of \$990, capitol observers again wagged their heads.

Pressmen ran the news of Murphy's trips to New York, Washington, Florida, West Virginia, Boston, Connecticut and California. Nowicki's claim had all the effects of a powerful sock to the chin.

Live Industry At Military Camp

Few people realize the extent of labor that is employed at the Hanson State Military reservation in relation to the Michigan National guard camp. Plumbers, carpenters, electricians and other artisans and common labor make up a pretty extensive crew.

When it is realized that the area of the camp is about 18,000 acres and that there are over 300 buildings to look after one may be certain that George Schable, grounds and buildings caretaker, and his crew have a man-size job to look after.

There are ten miles of water lines in the camp and these have to be kept in working condition, and in the fall all pipes must be drained. Also the 150-gallons per minute pumps must be properly looked after. Then there are chlorinating plants, septic tanks, garbage disposal plants and water tanks, all of which require such supervision as assures good serviceable condition at all times.

George says that his winter crew isn't so large as he and Dick Lovely spend most of their time in estimating for next year's camp. Summer time, however, sees that branch of the camp work pretty lively and a good size crew on the job.

Capt. Erke Property Custodian

The big military warehouses are bulging with supplies, and Capt. John Erke, who is responsible for its care and safety, says they have everything there from a pair of shoe strings to army tractors. There are thousands of tents, cots, suits of clothing, shoes and many other articles too numerous to mention.

A new feature recently instituted here was the installation of machines for shoe repairing. Shoes that have been worn but still may be made fit for further service are shipped to Grayling where they go thru the shoe repair department at camp Grayling. Earl Wood is in charge of the repair work and has a couple of other men helping him. 1,200 pairs of shoes are on hand for repairs, 170 pairs of which have already been finished.

Other work that is being done in Capt. Erke's department is the repairing of all tentage, cots, messhall kitchen ranges, etc. About six men are being kept busy there this winter.

GRAYLING FAMILIES OBSERVE YULE HOLIDAYS

In true Christ-like spirit "It is more blessed to give than to receive," this community observed the Christmas holiday.

Churches were filled during the week with worshippers where the story of ages ago at Bethlehem was recalled in music and pageantry.

Parents and children came by train and auto to sit before the family hearth and exchange greetings or to gather around the festive board groaning with the best the family could provide.

Organizations and societies, neighbors and friends, were thoughtful of those who might have less than they and baskets were generously filled with food and fruits that every Grayling family might enjoy a happy Christmas.

It was a beautiful sight to drive around on both sides of the river and view the brightly lighted trees, garlands, and unique displays to be found on every street. Surely this community was abundant in festive happiness that could not be surpassed anywhere.

May the generous spirit of the year just passing be typical of the community spirit of the year approaching.

The Municipal Tree.

Friday afternoon hundreds of youngsters and some of their elders flocked to the Rialto theatre to enjoy a fine program of pictures, and, as they made their exit they met Santa with loads of good things to eat that youngsters like for Christmas.

Each year the boys and girls of Crawford and Roscommon counties enjoy this Christmas feature that is so generously provided by the people of Grayling.

VAN WAGONER NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT OF AM. ROAD BUILDERS ASS'N.

Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner was accorded the only nomination for the presidency of the American Road Builders' Association and his election at the organization's annual convention in January at Cleveland is expected to be a mere formality.

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MUST HELP OURSELVES

Saturday will be the beginning of a new year. Just what it will hold for the people of Grayling depends largely upon our own home people. We must realize that every other community is going to do its utmost to forge ahead, if it hopes to achieve community successes.

There is no better time than right now for the citizens of Grayling to get together and work for a better and bigger Grayling. The past year has seen many community improvements and civic pride is growing stronger and stronger. Let's keep up this fine progress and then go it one better by stepping on the community accelerator and ever to be on the lookout for opportunities that point to greater community progress.

Each and every one of our home industries and our mercantile enterprises need the support of our people if they are to succeed and to grow stronger. That in itself makes for a successful city. With that and a strong push for a more progressive civic enterprise is going to keep Grayling the finest city in the north. And when opportunities come we will be in position to embrace them. The Chamber of Commerce is doing good work, and, instead of leaving this work to be done by a comparative few, let everyone resolve to get behind its efforts. Make this a better and bigger year for Grayling.

Washington Notes And Comments

By
Congressman Roy O. Woodruff
Tenth Michigan District

The developments growing out of the latest Japanese outrages in China in bombing the United States Gunboat, Panay, the three American oil tankers and the British boat, have made it perfectly clear that the British diplomats are utilizing every opportunity to take advantage of the United States and to shove Mr. Roosevelt out in front in any action that may be taken which may call eventually for armed force.

Despite the fact that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden came out with a statement indicating that Great Britain's course of representations to the Japanese government would be as forceful if not "identical" with those of the United States, when the actual British protest was sent to Japan it was very much milder than the United States protest which Mr. Roosevelt transmitted to the Mikado.

I was perfectly clear from the course of developments that the old British strategy was to encourage President Roosevelt in transmitting the stern and insistent protest which he personally instructed Secretary Hull to lodge with "the Son of Heaven." As soon as this was done, the British statesman immediately withdrew from their public position of a few hours before and transmitted a protest which in no sense supports the American position with any determination or conviction.

This action is typical of the whole course that has been followed by the British since that day in Chicago when Mr. Roosevelt proposed the quarantining of aggressor nations, including Japan. Having shoved the President to the forefront in calling the Brussels Conference, which ended in utter failure, the British statesmen promptly proceeded to try to jockey our roving ambassador, Norman Davis, into the position of committing the United States to all real effective action, while the British stayed in the background and carefully avoided giving Japan any reason for being incensed with them.

An insistent report which has assumed the proportions of organized governmental propaganda, has been emanating from London for several days that the United States would demonstrate its fleet in new maneuvers in Far Eastern waters. So insistent did this inspired report become that President Roosevelt found

it necessary on last Wednesday to deny that the United States is now considering either an American naval demonstration in Chinese waters or joint action with the British in the Far East. As usual, our American State Department has allowed itself to be maneuvered into a position where the anti-American sentiment motivating the militarists of Japan has become both bitter and contemptuous. Anything may now happen. It has also become perfectly apparent that if the United States intends to take any action to enforce its demands that the rights of American citizens and American owned property in China be respected and safeguarded, that we cannot count on the British to cooperate forcefully and promptly. Nothing could be plainer than that the British have been playing the same old Johnny Bull game of using the American hand to pull the British chestnuts from the fire whenever they can do so.

As to the situation in the Far East, it could hardly be more grave than it is. The people of America might just as well face the fact that the Japanese militarists have no intention of ceasing their attacks on American boats, American owned property and even American citizens, whenever it suits their motives or temper to do so.

If Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Hull are going to pursue the policy enunciated by the Majority Floor Leader in the Senate, Senator Alvin Barkley, that American citizens will not be evacuated from the danger zones, American ships will not be taken out of the lane of bombs and bullets, the situation will drag along until more "deeply regretted" incidents are added, a war psychology is generated in the United States, and we find the flower of our American youth again being embarked for a foreign war.

British propaganda is now filling our newspapers in a way that reminds us of the days preceding our entering the World War. A war psychology is being subtly built up. We might just as well recognize that if more incidents of the Panay sinking transpire, popular indignation will give the American Jingoists and saber rattlers the opportunity they want to attempt to involve this country in a foreign war with Japan. In such a war we could not hope to come out financially or otherwise with anything but appalling losses. Of course, British diplomacy is ready to fight such a war to the last drop of American blood and to the expenditure of the last American dollar.

If the American people do not want to become involved in a foreign war, then they must recognize the fact that Americans should be withdrawn from the danger zones, the American boats should be recalled and after the present madness has calmed we should adopt economic pressures in order to force proper reparations for the destruction of American lives and property. This whole situation is fraught with grave portent for the United States, for the mothers of the United States who have sons who are by age and condition fitted to become cannon fodder, and for the young men themselves who, in the event of such a war, would have to do the fighting and the dying.

One phase of the situation has been clarified. It is that whatever the course Mr. Roosevelt decides that the United States shall pursue, we will have to pursue it alone without any reliance upon British help. The American people are entitled to know this and the Administration should be frank about the whole situation, because, after all, it is the great mass of American citizens who have to fight the wars, do the dying and the paying which such wars entail.

Children in Court

Judge Malcolm Hatfield

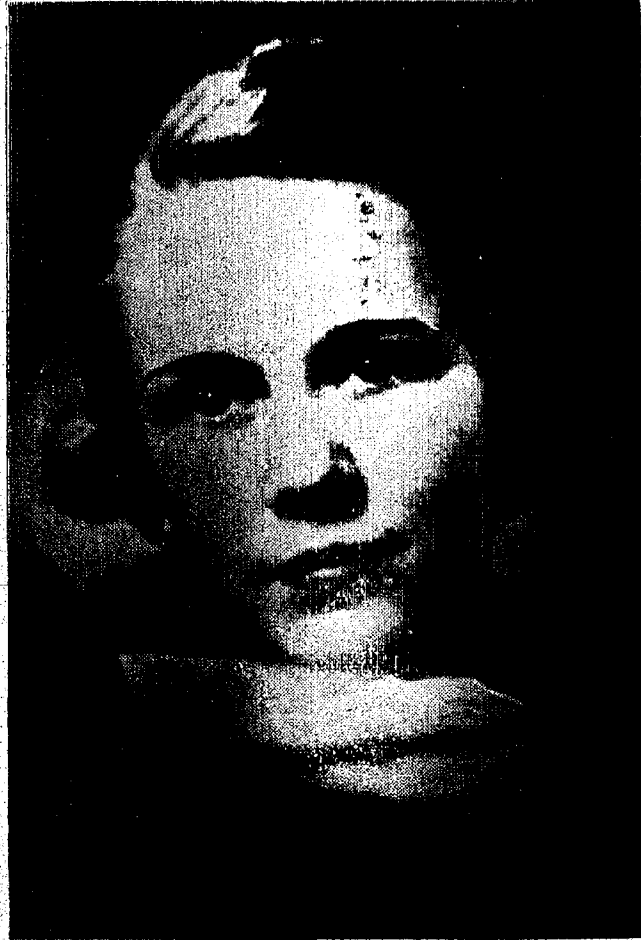
Those interested in preventing juvenile crime are alarmed to note that during the past four years our churches have declined 30 per cent, while the sale of whiskey has increased 2202 per cent.

During the same period general benevolence declined 29 per cent, while the sale of beer increased 317 per cent. The Community Chest decreased 24 per cent, with the sale of cigarettes up 48 per cent, and attendance at the movies increased 41 per cent.

With church attendance down 30 per cent, and moving picture attendance up 41 per cent, is there any wonder that the Sunday School Movement may soon be a thing of the past? Is this the sort of thing we are to give thanks for on Christmas day?

Anvil and the Hammer

When you are the anvil, be patient; when you are the hammer, smite.



Cut by Courtesy Saginaw News

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar P. Schumann announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Esther (above) to Carl John Bauer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl John Bauer of 17 West Hannum Blvd., Golf Side, Saginaw. The wedding will take place in the late spring.

Personals

Martha Sorenson was a week end guest of Mrs. Waldemar Jensen.

Miss Elaine McDonnell of Mt. Pleasant is home for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Heath spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. W. Daniels, of Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Chappel of Pontiac visited last week in the S. Robarge home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Russell returned Sunday after spending the week end in Jackson. Perry Mills of the Grayling Jewelry Shoppe is enjoying a week's vacation in Bellaire.

Miss Anna Nielson, of Grand Rapids was a Christmas guest of her sisters Miss Margaret and Miss Olga Nielson.

Miss Virginia Hartley of the Mercy hospital, Bay City, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Hartley.

Henry Jordan and daughter Lillian spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lozon and family at Maple Forest.

Francis Dionne of Detroit visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dionne, also Miss Betty LaMotte over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Jameson and daughters Lois and Joyce, of Cadillac, were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herluf Sorenson and Elna Mae.

Miss Mary Esther Schumann, who had been a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Bauer in Saginaw, returned home Wednesday noon.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunter were Roy Hunter of Durand, Miss Effie Hunter of Flint, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Haines of Pontiac.

Francis Brady, who is employed in the Olds Motor plant in Lansing, spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Brady and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kessler and son Larry of Gaylord, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kessler, Phillip Quigley and Mrs. Louis Kessler.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Sprohauer of Alger and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Freshwater and son Douglas of Detroit spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Flower.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingorsol of Vanderbilt spent Christmas with Mrs. Jeanne Babbitt and family. They also visited in the Mrs. Dora Kneff home while here, returning Monday.

Miss Ruth McNeven of Lansing came Friday to spend the Christmas week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McNeven, who accompanied her as far as Mt. Pleasant on her return, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holger Schmidt had as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Howard Schmidt, Miss Marie Schmidt, Ray Warner, Miss Edwina Warner and Ray Owens of Detroit. Miss Marie Schmidt, Miss Edwina Warner and Mrs. Howard Schmidt will remain until Sunday.

Dr. J. F. Cook was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook of Alpena, over Christmas.

Charles Wylie of Olivet college returned Tuesday after visiting relatives and friends for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Daniels and baby of Lansing are spending the week in the Frank May home.

Don Gothro of Cleary College, Ypsilanti, is spending his vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gothro.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Smith and family of Lansing spent Saturday with the former's mother, Mrs. Mattie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aldrich and family of Boyne City spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Leo Schram.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McNis of Detroit were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milnes and family Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson and family of Muskegon spent Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Johnson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson Jr., of Mt. Pleasant, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Lansing returned home Sunday after spending the Christmas holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sorenson.

Mrs. George Kraus and daughter Elaine and Mrs. Albert Kraus are spending several days here at their summer home on Lake Margrethe.

Dick Reynolds returned to Midland with his father, Harry Reynolds, to spend a few days. The latter was here to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs and Mr. and Mrs. Foryst Barber and sons Jack and Don, attended the funeral services of a relative in Durand Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Randolph of Oxford, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stephan of Gary, Indiana, were week end guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Randolph, and John Stephan.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilcox of Saginaw arrived Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with the ladies' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mayotte accompanied by the latter's mother Mrs. R. Jorgenson, and brother Benny, spent Christmas in Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Warner and family.

Out of town guests over the Christmas holiday of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. King, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, Oscar Siderman and two daughters, Margaret and Mary of Roscommon, and Eugene King of Houghton Lake.

Mrs. Kate Loskos accompanied by her son Floyd, and her brother Archie Woskoski, spent Christmas in Bay City at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Ekens. Also in the family circle for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Morrissey and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loskos and son Roger, of Grand Rapids.

Elmer Neal of Detroit spent Christmas with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Schjotz spent Christmas in Detroit visiting relatives.

Wm. Entsminger of Muskegon spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gierke.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Mathews spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. John Marden in Rose City.

Alex Kochanowski spent Christmas in Cadillac visiting his mother, Mrs. Glen Morgan.

Mrs. John Yuill of Vanderbilt visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ziebell over the week end.

Miss Margaret Cassidy of Lansing spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Thos. Cassidy.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Catlin of Toledo, Ohio, spent the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ziebell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bronson spent the week end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Newell.

Mr. Emil Kraus and son Emil returned to Detroit Sunday after spending Christmas with the family here.

Owen Reid and a party of friends from Twinning are here visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lydell spent Christmas visiting their daughter, Mrs. Donald Milks, in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Lozon and son Junior of Grand Rapids were Christmas day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lozon.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Penard of Detroit were Christmas guests of Mrs. Penard's brothers, George and Phillip Van Patten.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Peterson and family of Bay City visited relatives and friends in Grayling over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorvald Sorenson were Christmas guests of the latter's mother Mrs. E. W. Van-Sickle, of Houghton Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Olsen and son Ebbie enjoyed the Christmas holiday in Bay City, guests of Miss Margaret Failing.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Woods and Miss Ellen Failing of Beaver Creek visited relatives in Bay City over the week end.

Don Charron, who is employed in a grocery store in Flint, came home Friday night to spend a few days. He returned Monday night.

Emil Peterson of Munising was a guest at the Max Laage home a few days this week. Mr. Peterson is the coach of Munising high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Walther and George Stanley were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Daniels of Sterling over the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson and family, Mrs. Rosa Parker and Melvin Enyart spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Clare Parker in Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Laurant and the Sheehy family enjoyed having as guests over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scarlett and family of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McDonnell spent Christmas with Mrs. McDonnell's parents Mr. and Mrs. Tharion of St. Ignace. Mrs. Tharion came home with them to spend the week here.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle F. Nellist had as their guests over the week end the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Nellist of St. Helen. Wayne Nellist returned with them to spend the week.

Max Ferguson who is attending the Bay City Business college, and was home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, will return to Bay City, Friday.

SPIKE'S "KEG-O-NAILS" MADE MODERN

Spike's Keg-O-Nails has recently been made new both inside and outside. Notty cedar has given the entire place a new appearance, making it modish and very attractive. For years Spike's has been one of the favorite places for the many resorters to eat, drink and be merry, and the town people too would be lost without the "Keg-O-Nails" as this is the only place Grayling offers where an evening of dancing and merry making may be had. In this new stride Mr. MacNeven brings his establishment up to one of the best of its kind in Michigan.

Good and Bad Men
"A good man goes about doing good; a dead beat goes about doing everybody."

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Potato Grading Law Explained

**FARMERS EXEMPTED FROM
PROVISIONS IN SELLING
PRODUCTS, STATE AIDE
DECLARES**

East Lansing—Michigan's 72 county agricultural agents, serving all the 83 counties in the state, prepared to return to their homes Thursday and set their constituents aright on the new potato grading law.

"The farmers have been grossly misinformed about this law," Leo Card, director of the state bureau of foods and standards, declared in an address before the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Michigan County Agricultural Agents association.

"We wish you would inform them that they are entirely exempted from the provisions of this act in making sales of potatoes of their own production. They can sell them ungraded, unbranded and uninspected anywhere. That is their constitutional right."

Retailer Responsible.
"The responsibility for grading, branding and packaging falls upon the party who purchases the farmers' potatoes and offers them for resale. The grower can sell his tubers in any package he chooses, closed or otherwise."

"If he sells his crop to a retailer, the latter may dump the potatoes in his warehouse but in reselling them he must declare the grade upon the package. The retailer is responsible for the contents of the package. If the grower sells to a dealer or trucker, the purchaser becomes responsible for the grade and pack after the potatoes come into his possession and are offered for resale."

Card said farmers do not have to obtain federal-state inspection upon their potatoes before selling them to anyone. They also are not required to obtain a state grader's license or use branded sacks.

The director said retailers are not required to obtain grader's licenses, but do become liable to prosecution for failure to grade properly.

Stratosphere Gliding

Gliders may be able to reach the stratosphere ere long, according to reports from Moscow. By a new method a glider may be towed to a great altitude, the towing wire then paid out until the glider is 6,500 feet above the towing plane. If a second glider is towed by the first and its line paid out it can ascend above the first. Thus a plane, flying below the stratosphere can, by this flying "chain" tow a glider miles above it. Gliding Master Venslav has been making the tests.

Speed of Stars
Stars travel through space at varying speeds. Some travel several hundred miles a second.

Palm Indigenous to Two Worlds
The coconut palm is the only palm found in the wild state in both the Old and New World.

\$25 REWARD

Do you know where there is a hunting property with either a private lake or spring fed stream? Stream must start upon the property and have banks high enough at some place for a dam ten feet high. Not interested in cleared or sparsely wooded land. The above reward will be paid to the first person supplying information leading to the purchase of such a property. Write location, full description of property and name and address of owner, if known, to Box 490, care of this paper.

Want Ads

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Call 48 or write postoffice box 113.

FRESH EGGS—Delicious, fine-flavored eggs, fresh every day. Delivery each Saturday if desired. W. J. Bolinger, opposite ball park. 12-30-3

WANTED—Girl or woman for general housework. Mrs. Emil Giegling.

FURNISHED HOUSE WANTED.
Phone 165. W. S. Harrison, Grayling, or leave information at Avalanche Office.

LOST—Friday, a pair of bi-focal eye glasses, with amber colored rims. Finder please phone 69, or leave at Alfred Hanson's Garage.

LOST—Male black and white hound; 4 years old; tail bandaged with adhesive tape; hair worn off on tip of tail. \$10.00 reward will be given for its safe return. Address Wm. Hunter, 11677 Ileen Avenue, Detroit, or notify Wm. Leng, Frederic. 12-16-2

LOST—Black and tan beagle hound; 1½ years old; white left hind leg. \$5.00 reward for its safe return. Address Wm. Hunter, 11677 Ileen Avenue, Detroit, or notify Wm. Leng, Frederic. 12-16-2

FOUND—Ring containing four auto keys. Ring bent on one edge. Owner may have same by calling at Avalanche office. 12-9-3

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Dec. 31, 1914

Mrs. Allen B. Failing passed suddenly from this life while at her home at 9:00 Tuesday morning, heart trouble being the immediate cause of her death.

Tomorrow, January 1st, will see the retirement from official service of Homer G. Benedict as sheriff and O. Palmer as prosecuting attorney of Crawford county. Mr. Benedict will be succeeded by William H. Cody and Mr. Palmer by Glen Smith.

Will McCullough of Detroit spent Christmas visiting his parents.

J. F. Smith and Mr. Bay of Rondo, Mich., spent the Christmas holidays visiting friends here.

Miss Madge Meade is spending the holiday season visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Meade.

Mrs. Elizabeth Parker of Bay City arrived Friday to enjoy the holidays here visiting her son Peter Davidson and family.

Miss Beatrice Gierke came home from Bay City last Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hartwick and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Michelson of Detroit were guests at the Nels Michelson home over Christmas.

James LaMont of Bay City visited his mother, Mrs. LaMont, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Al Kramer one day last week.

Benjamin Jerome of Grand Rapids arrived last Thursday to spend Christmas with his wife, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates. They are also visiting Mr. Jerome's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome.

Mrs. J. C. Rittenhouse and daughters Nellie and Louise, of Cheboygan, spent a few days here this week visiting Mrs. Ritten-

house's sister, Mrs. M. Shanahan, who is recovering from a several week's illness.

Walter Hemmingsen arrived Thursday last and is visiting his parents.

Alonzo Collen left last week for Detroit, where he expects to spend the winter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoelsi on Friday, Dec. 18th, a fine little daughter.

Clifford Hendrie of Bay City is visiting his father Paul Hendrie, over the holidays.

Wayne Thompson of Detroit is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thompson during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crowley and children and Mrs. Crowley's father Mr. Maloney, all spent the Christmas holidays visiting the former's parents at Leslie.

Emil Giegling of the Kerry & Hanson office is visiting his parents in Manistee.

Miss May Peterson of Marlette is a guest at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Fred Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brady and son Clark spent Christmas as guests of relatives in Bay City.

Ray Amidon came home from Petoskey to spend the holidays at the home of his parents.

Miss Elizabeth McMahon of Detroit is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrie McMahon.

Barney Conklin and family have moved into the house lately occupied by John Kelley and family, near Mercy hospital.

Mrs. A. M. Lewis is entertaining her sisters, Misses Hazel and Lucile Campbell, also Miss Helen Sherman, all of Newberry.

George Jerome came home from Detroit and spent Christmas visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome, returning to Detroit Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Joseph are

entertaining the latter's sister, Miss Ada Ryan of Saginaw, who arrived last Sunday morning, and will remain over New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Mielstrup of Lansing spent Christmas at the homes of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Salling and Mrs. J. Mielstrup.

Miss Jennie Ingley, who has been ill for several weeks, and has been in St. Mary's hospital receiving treatment, arrived home last Thursday.

Miss Ada Little of Algonac was a guest at the Woodburn home over Christmas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Scott last Sunday morning, Dec. 27th, a fine little daughter.

S. S. Phelps Jr. and family of Bay City spent Christmas as guests of Emil Hanson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Keyport of Bay City were Christmas guests of their son, Dr. C. R. Keyport and family.

Miss Mollie Johnson of Saginaw was a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson over Christmas.

Miss Cora Michelson returned to Detroit Sunday night after spending Christmas here visiting her father and sisters.

Miss Mable Brasie of the Emil Kraus store is enjoying a vacation with friends in North Branch and Marlette.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodfield entertained the following over Christmas: Mrs. Ethred Bateson and daughter Janet, of Lovells; Mr. and Mrs. Will Shoemaker and daughter, Dorothy, of Boyne City, and Mr. and Mrs. William Finley of Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Roblin are entertaining the latter's father, T. A. Adams, and sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Randall, all of Bay City, during the holidays.

Mrs. Oscar Hanson entertained her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, of Marlette and sister Bessie, over Christmas. Mr. Smith returned to Marlette Friday night but the two ladies remained for a longer visit.

Miss Hattie Kraus left for Saginaw Saturday afternoon to visit her sister, Mrs. M. B. Weinberg, until school opens. Her two nephews who had spent Christmas here, accompanied her.

Jerry Sherman, who has been in Ann Arbor for about ten weeks, receiving treatment for a

serious attack of rheumatism, arrived home yesterday.

The eight months old son, Fred, of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoelsi, passed away at home on Tuesday. The little fellow had been well and growing up to about two weeks ago when he was taken with a severe attack of the gripe. The funeral is being held from the home today.

Static Electricity Is the Oldest Kind Known

Static is the oldest kind of electricity known, notes a writer in the New York Times. Our word "electricity" comes from the Greek "electron," meaning amber. Rub amber, as the Greeks did, and it becomes electrically charged. Then touch it and the charge is drawn off in a little spark. So with dry fur, glass, resin, wax, scores of materials.

Two positively electrified or two negatively electrified bodies repel each other. But positives and negatives attract. Franklin gave us this distinction between positive and negative.

Static electricity is like water on a rubber ball in that it clings to the surface. Just as a rubber ball can gather only so much water, so a ball of glass or resin can collect only so much static electricity. If more electricity accumulates than the surface can hold, there is what the physicists call a brush discharge, meaning a leaking away into the air. If the excess is great, the leaking may manifest itself in a visible glow.

Until Volta in 1800 invented the cell which we use in our batteries the only kind of electricity that science knew was static. Out of Volta's cell came not just one burst of electricity but a steady stream. After that science began to talk of dynamic or continuously flowing electricity. When at last the electric generator followed Faraday's discovery of induction it was naturally called a dynamo—short for "dynamo electric machine."

First Timepieces Used Heavy Weights on Cords

The earliest timepieces were clocks for which the motive power was supplied by weights. The unavoidable dangling of the weights from their cords compelled the limitation of the use of timepieces at first to standing or hanging in one place.

This was the situation from about the year 1300 until about 1500, according to a writer in the Washington Post, when the first portable timepieces were made possible by an invention of Peter Henlin, of Nuremberg, Germany, who first applied spiral steel springs to take the place of weights for motive power. The value of this invention to mankind is incalculable.

At first mainsprings were made comparatively short and thick. In these there was so great a difference between the power when fully wound and partly run down that special mechanical devices had to be used to equalize the power.

The best of these devices was the fusee, which is used in marine chronometers. But for watches the problem of improving the uniformity of power was solved by using longer and thinner mainsprings, helped out also by the development of isochronal adjustment, which makes it less imperative that the extent of vibrations of the balance shall be uniform, as these are affected by the motive power.

Alaska Has Odd Geese

A race of dark-complexioned wild geese reside in the coastal region of British Columbia and southeastern Alaska. They are similar in general appearance and size to their better known relative, the Canada goose or "honker," but differ in being very much darker. They are known as the white-cheeked goose. Apart from the difference in coloration between these two races of geese there are differences in habit also, the most important being that of migration. The Canada geese makes long annual journeys to and from its nesting grounds; some raise their young on James Bay and spend the winter on the Gulf of Mexico. The white-cheeked goose, on the other hand, may spend the entire year, or even all its lifetime in the same region.

Nightingale Pledge for Nurses

The Florence Nightingale pledge for nurses is: "I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to pass my life in purity, and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to elevate the standards of my profession, and I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty I will endeavor to aid the physician in his work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care."

Patented Automatic Coupler
Eli H. Janney, who was a clerk in a dry goods store and not a railroad man, patented the first automatic car coupler.



CAROLINE told herself a dozen times a day that she did not care whether she heard from Stephen or not. What possible difference could it make now, after all these months of silence?

And here it was Christmas eve. Not a message! Not a card! Oh, well. . . she turned away from the window. One must not allow one's self the luxury of regret.

Fires burned brightly on the hearth. Holly hung above the mantel. Snow outside, cheer within. That was all she required. She hummed a tune in false gaiety.

A ring at the door. Stephen? No, just a messenger boy with a box. Caroline's fingers cracked the red cellophane unwrapping it. No card. Just crazy dozens of jig-saw pieces.

She walked restlessly about the room. Then she returned to the box. Black and white pieces only. Idly she fitted a few together, leaned closer and frowned. Familiar hand-writing. Stephen's hand-writing!

Excitedly she bent above the puzzle fitting the rest together. Grad-



ually Stephen's clear strong writing stared up at her.

"Dear Caroline," it read, "if you have the patience to put this together, I shall know you are still interested in me. I could not tell you what I wanted to, before I left, because I was not sure of circumstances. But now I know. I can take care of you. Will you marry me, Caroline? A yes would be the most marvelous Christmas present in the world. I love you."

"Stephen," she laughed a little. She cried a little. Then she went to the mantel and snatched down a photograph of herself. This she cut up into small jagged pieces. On several she wrote a single word, which, when put together, read: "I have gone all to pieces, missing you." Then on the mouth of her pictured face, she added the single word "Yes."

These pieces she quickly wrapped up in the box sent to her, and dispatched it by a messenger, who admitted that a gentleman had given it to him, who was staying at the Inn in town.

In another hour Caroline was not alone with her bright fire and holly. And Christmas eve was what it should be. Stephen declared he had been too scared to come himself and sent the puzzle as a test-case. Then he kissed her.

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Santa Himself



City Council Proceedings

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special Meeting held on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1937, Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor George Burke.

Councilmen present: Milnes, Roberts, Burke, Jensen, Olsen. Absent: none.

Moved by Burke, supported by Olsen, that the bill of extras, as submitted and recommended by our consulting engineers on the sewage disposal plant, in the amount of \$614.80 to Davenport and Watson, be allowed and paid.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke, Jensen, Olsen. Nay: none.

Moved by Milnes, supported by Burke that the following resolution be adopted.

Resolved: That Whereas: The Grayling Sewage Disposal Plant has been completed and is operating in a manner satisfactory to the City Council, and

Whereas: there is due Davenport and Watson, contractors, a balance of ten per cent of the contract price when the plant is completed and accepted, now therefore be it

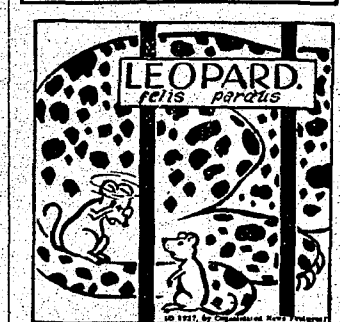
Resolved: That said Sewage Disposal Plant be accepted and that upon presentation of a sworn statement from Davenport and Watson that all labor and material bills are paid, the balance of 10 per cent amounting to \$2,700.42 be paid. Also that Davenport and Watson be released from their surety bond.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Burke, Jensen, Olsen. Nay: none.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger, City Clerk.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said county, on the 21st day of December A. D. 1937.

Present, Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of R. Clifford Durant, deceased.

W. Clarence Smith, of Roscommon, Michigan, having filed in said court an instrument in writing, purporting to be a duly exemplified copy of the last will and testament of said deceased and the record admitting the same to probate in the state of California and his petition praying that said will be allowed, filed and recorded, and that the administration of said estate be granted to W. Clarence Smith of Roscommon, Michigan or to some other suitable person.

It Is Ordered, That the 15th day of January, A. D. 1938, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It Is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate. 12-23-4

Reward

A reward of \$10.00 will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who has in the past or does in the future destroy or steal any property at the Winter Sports Park.

GRAYLING WINTER SPORTS Inc.

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Notice

After December 10th I will be at the Court House to collect township taxes on Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 until 4:00 o'clock, and on Tuesday of each week I will be at the George Skingley home down the river.

Mrs. Nettie Stephan, Treasurer.

TO THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF ANY AND ALL INTERESTS IN, OR LIENS UPON THE LANDS HEREIN DESCRIBED.

Take notice, that sale has been lawfully made of the following described land for unpaid taxes thereon, and that the undersigned has title thereto under tax deed or deeds issued therefor, and that you are entitled to a reconveyance thereof, at any time within six months after return of service of this notice, upon payment to the undersigned or to the Register in Chancery of the County in which the land lie, of all sums paid upon such purchase, together with fifty per centum additional thereto, and the fees of the Sheriff for the service or cost of publication of this notice, to be computed as upon personal service of a declaration as commencement of suit and the further sum of five dollars for each description, without other additional cost or charges. If payment as aforesaid is not made, the undersigned will institute proceedings for possession of the land.

Description of Land.
STATE OF MICHIGAN,
County of Crawford,
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, except a piece of land in SW corner, thence N. 12 rods, E. 20 rods, S. 12 rods, W. 20 rods to place of beginning, Sec. 20, Town 26 N., Range 3W. Amount paid \$18.73 tax for year 1918.

Amount necessary to redeem, \$28.09 plus the fees of the sheriff. Samuel Rasmussen, Place of business Grayling, Mich.

To Martha Sanderson and Lavendee Powell last grantees in the regular chain title of such lands or of any interest therein as appearing by the records in the office of the Register of Deeds of said county. 12-9-4

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Lost Species Point Warning, Says Jordan



Frederick F. Jordan, director of National Wildlife Restoration Week, and Sonny Jordan on the grounds of the Jordan home in Connecticut. The General Wildlife Federation, sponsoring Wildlife Week, was founded in response to the demand for a nation-wide alliance of organizations concerned with the future of outdoor America. Mr. Jordan points out that many species, once abundant in this country, are either extinct or in danger of extinction. Here are (1) the Labrador duck, last one killed in 1878; (2) Eskimo curlew, a "missing" species, may be extinct; (3) great auk, extinct for a century; (4) Carolina parakeet, last one killed in Florida, 1904; (5) passenger pigeon, last one died in Cincinnati Zoo in 1914; (6) heath hen, last one died at Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, in 1933; (7) whooping crane, a few stragglers left.

Fast Disappearing Wild Game

In its list of vanished species, and of species in danger and species restored or on the way back, no state has a record more interesting than Michigan's.

"Michigan was the great nesting center of the passenger pigeon," says Director of Conservation P. J. Hoffmaster. "William B. Mershon, of Saginaw, has assembled in his book one of the most valuable data relating to its final history."

"The Michigan grayling was world famous. More than a quarter of a century after grayling became extinct in lower peninsula streams, the fish was reported from the Otter river in the Upper Peninsula. A four-mile stretch of water containing grayling was closed to all fishing, but a recent survey conducted by Fred A. Westerman, chief of the fisheries division of the department, failed to produce a single grayling. The Montana grayling has been introduced, but has not established itself in any numbers."

"Michigan had native elk, perhaps within the memory of men still living. Elk were exterminated, and twelve years ago two small herds were brought in and released in the lower peninsula. They have increased, but we have no assurance that the elk will take its place among our game animals."

"In early times, there were caribou in the Lake Superior country and a few bison on the southern prairies of the state. Strangely enough, there is no reliable record of the wolverine, which gave its nickname to the state."

"Moose have been reported, in very small numbers, in the upper peninsula for years and now the herd made up of specimens trapped on Isle Royale and transported to the mainland seems to be doing well."

"Among the fur-bearers, the lynx, fisher and marten are almost extinct in Michigan."

"The sand-hill crane, a borderline species, nests in Michigan, in very small numbers. The spruce grouse has become very scarce. It has been brought into Wilderness Park and we hope it will thrive there."

"Both the prairie chicken and sharp-tail grouse hold their own, in certain restricted areas. Our sturgeon of the Great Lakes is almost gone."

In organizing Michigan for National Wildlife Restoration Week, to be held in March, it is being pointed out that all species of wildlife are endangered by the increasing pressure of civilization."

Prof. P. A. Herbert, of East Lansing, is State Representative of the General Wildlife Federation. B. L. Foreman of Pontiac is regional director for the Restoration, in charge of organization for Wildlife Week in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Michigan committee for

Wildlife Week includes Frank L. Drummond, president of the Michigan Audubon Society; Harry Gaines, of Grand Rapids, president of the United Conservation Clubs; Joseph M. Karman, of Dearborn, president of the Michigan Division, Izaak Walton League of America; Col. Payson D. Foster, of Detroit, secretary of the Michigan Rifle Association; Mrs. M. R. Keyworth, of Detroit, president of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. T. W. Sanders, of Grand Rapids, president of the State Parent-Teachers Association; Mrs. J. Shirley Symons, of Saginaw, president of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan; Mrs. Claire W. Teachout, of Jackson, vice-president of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Michigan; J. F. Yeager, of Lansing, director of organization for the Michigan Farm Bureau; A. G. Kettunen, of East Lansing, director of Michigan 4-H Clubs.

"Jai-Alai" Ball Game, Rivals the Bull Fight

"Jai-alai," better known as "pelota" (meaning ball in Spanish), is a game somewhat similar to handball, which originated in the Basque provinces of France and Spain. In parts of Spain, it rivals bull fights in popularity, says a writer in the Detroit News. Originally "pelota" was played with hand, naked or gloved, or with a stick, but now a stout basket-work gauntlet, called a "cestus" or "chistera" is used. This basket, a Basque invention first used at Ascan, France, revolutionized the game by increasing the propelling power of the players and the carrying force of the ball.

The game may be played either indoors or outdoors and requires a cement court, 200 feet long and 65 feet wide, with at least two walls 36 feet high. Four walls may be used. There are usually four players and among the professionals are men who have done little else since boyhood. The ball is of solid rubber, small and weighs about four ounces. During play, the ball is bounced from wall to "cestus" and must be kept in motion. The game is very popular in the Basque provinces, Spain, Cuba and South America. According to the Americana Encyclopedia, "It is claimed for this game that it requires a better eye, more speed, activity and surer control over every muscle of the body than any other sport."

Original Glass Bottles Valuable

It has been commonly acknowledged that glass bottles, shortly after their invention, were "worth their weight in gold." But an item in the Americana Magazine indicates that these transparent containers were valued much more highly than the yellow metal in old Egypt, where a price of \$3,500,000 was set and paid on one glass bottle. Originally made only by master craftsmen and used in the packaging of rare attars and cosmetics, glassware required 40 centuries of study and refinement to reach its present superiority and inexpensiveness. The common foodstuff bottles on our shelves, today are more perfect by far than the crude bottles of long ago—yet they cost us practically nothing!

Use of Word "Tips"

As long ago as 1775 English waiters looked forward to liberal tips and customers grumbled about the practice. Exactly how old tipping is is doubtful, but in the days of Chaucer the English had a verb "to tip," meaning to give. That's probably where the word comes from, says the Washington Post, but there has been a more interesting origin suggested. This story has it that once there were boxes in coffee houses to receive contributions for waiters. These boxes were labeled "To Insure Prompt Service," or, sometimes, just "T. I. P. S."

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LITTLE STORIES FOR BEDTIME

by Thornton W. Burgess



SAMMY JAY PUTS ON HIS THINKING CAP

SAMMY JAY had a great deal to think about and so he went off by himself to a certain thick hemlock tree in the Green Forest where he could be quite alone. Now, whenever Sammy Jay goes by himself that way to put on his thinking cap you may make up your mind that mischief of some kind is brewing in that small head of his. Just now Sammy was thinking about what he had overheard Buster Bear say to Jumper the Hare, and he was wondering how he could get something out of it for himself. You know, Sammy is one of those people who try to profit by the troubles of other people. He is never so happy as when he can find some one in trouble, because he is almost sure to find some way to get something for himself out of it.

One time Sammy happened along when Chatterer the Red Squirrel and Happy Jack and Gray Squirrel were quarreling about some very fat choice acorns. Each claimed them as his. Sammy just urged them to fight for them, and this is what they did. While they were fighting Sammy carried away all the acorns, and when finally they agreed to stop fighting and divide the acorns they found none to divide. Sammy had hidden every one where only he could find them. That was dishonest, very dishonest, but, you know, Sammy has been a thief. He thought it was smart. You and I know better, but he didn't, and there are a lot of people in this world just like him.

Now, Sammy knew very well that Buster Bear was the strongest and biggest of all the people who lived in the Green Forest, and when he had first seen Buster Sammy had been very much afraid of him. Now he wasn't afraid, because he knew that his wings would keep him out of reach of Buster's cruel claws, but he had a great deal of respect

for Buster just the same and he wanted to do something that would make Buster his friend. When he overheard Buster ask Jumper the Hare to try to find out for him where he could get some honey Sammy smiled. He knew that the only way Jumper could find out was by asking questions of those who lived in trees, for it is in hollow trees that Busy Bee stores up honey. To be sure, Busy's big cousin, Bumble, who makes such a fuss about everything he does, has a little storehouse in the ground, and possibly Jumper might find this. But if he did it wouldn't be a taste for Buster. What he wanted was the storehouse of Busy Bee.

"Now if I can find it for him," thought Sammy, "he'll always be my friend. I think I'll have a look at all the hollow trees I know of in the Green Forest."

Just then another thought popped into Sammy's head. He and Reddy Fox were not the best of friends. In some ways they were very much alike, and perhaps this was the reason that they were forever falling out. Sammy had been one of the first and loudest to jeer at and make fun of Reddy the time he seemed to be running away from Jumper the Hare. Then he had seen Reddy run from Buster Bear only that very morning, when Buster had suddenly appeared just as Reddy had thought to catch Jumper the Hare, and he knew that Reddy knew that he had seen and laughed at him. So now Reddy was sure to be his enemy.

"If I can think of some plan which will make Reddy think he can make friends with Buster Bear, why Reddy will forget all about his anger with me," thought Sammy. "I have it! I'll tell him how Buster wants some honey and set him to hunting for the storehouse of Busy Bee."

With that off flew Sammy Jay to hunt for Reddy Fox and tell him how he could make friends with Buster Bear.

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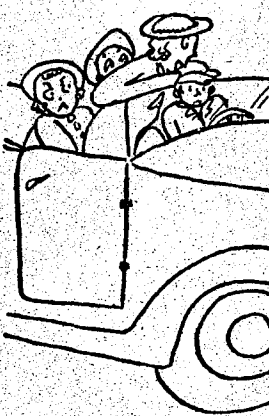
MANNERS OF THE MOMENT

By JEAN

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TOO much apologizing is worse than not apologizing at all. Far worse.

Take, for example, the girl who wonders if your car is full and asks you very nicely and apologetically for a ride home from the bridge party. She insists that she doesn't want to be in your way, or to bother you at all, but she just wonders. So you cheerfully say you can squeeze her in, thinking that four in the front seat has been done before.



"I Do Hope I'm Not in the Way."

fore, and for so short a distance no one really minds.

But then your extra guest makes the whole trip miserable by continuing to apologize all the way home. She does hope that she isn't in the way—when every one is obviously squashed to a pulp. She really didn't mean to be any bother at all. And if you'll let her out at the next corner she can walk home. It's only a mile and a half. She keeps it up until you are ready to take her at her word—which would surprise her no end. Probably if you did it once, she'd be more careful with her soft-soap.

It's high time that she—and all of the rest of us—learned that when an apology is needed one is enough. And please make it short and snappy if you're anywhere near us.

WNU Service.

FIRST AID TO THE AILING HOUSE

By Roger B. Whitman

KEEPING A HOUSE WARM IN WINTER

KEEPING a house warm in winter is a continual fight against nature. A house is surrounded by cold air, and there is a steady loss of heat day and night. It is nature's way to bring all things to the same temperature; as, for instance, a hot cup of coffee cools off, and a glass of ice water warms up, to the temperature of the air around them. However tightly a house may be built, loss of heat is inevitable. The best that can be done is to check the loss as much as possible.

In bitter weather, space in a room near a window is cold because the air is chilled by contact with the window glass. In a house of ordinary construction there is a similar loss of heat, although to a lesser degree, directly through the walls. On a windy day the pressure against the exposed side of the house forces air through any cracks that there may be; openings between the side walls and roof, between window and door frames and the walls, and especially the joints around the window sashes. At the same time, the passage of wind around a house creates suction on the sheltered side by which house air is sucked out of similar cracks and open joints. With a high wind, the air within a house moves from the exposed to the sheltered side; as a result, all of the air in a house may change as often as once an hour. For the house to remain warm, enough heat must be supplied to warm up the air that is continually entering.

For economy of fuel and for comfort, this movement of air in a house should be checked by closing all open joints and cracks. Open joints around window frames, even though they are hardly visible, should be tightly closed. The best material for this is calking compound, which is similar to putty, but remains soft enough to give with expansion and contraction. It should be applied with a tool called a calking gun, which will force it to the very bottom of an opening.

Window sashes, even when they are snugly fitted, should be sealed with metal weatherstrips, preferably of a kind working in grooves cut into the edges. Metal weatherstrips of special form can be had for both metal and wood casement windows.

All windows should be protected by storm sash. A tight fit is essential; storm windows should also be weatherstripped. Storm windows cannot be applied to the outside of casement windows that swing outward. Inside storm windows can be used, either hinged to the frame, or as single sheets of glass in wood frames with handles, to cover the entire inside of the window. Another plan is to replace inside insect screens with glass.

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The Michigan Mirror

Non-partisan News Letter
Michigan Press Association
By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—More than 110,000 farmers will receive checks from the U. S. Treasury for participating in the federal government's 1937 soil conservation program.

It will be somewhat of a post-Christmas present, as mailing will begin about the first of the year, according to an announcement here by Grant G. Thompson, manager of the Michigan Agricultural Conservation committee.

Last year 108,221 Michigan farmers received \$5,554,000.

This year the individual checks will be higher.

Aerial maps are being made to provide measurements for land use. A contract has just been let for air mapping 2,512 square miles in Allegan, Van Buren, Berrien and Cass counties.

Consumers Next

The state government is going to undertake another socialized venture: Advising consumers how to get the most for their money.

The new bureau will operate out of the state department of agriculture and will be the first state unit of its kind in the United States. Mrs. Stuart A. Frazer of Detroit, chairman of the Wayne County Consumers' Council, is credited with having sold the idea to administration leaders.

The consumers' bureau will serve as a clearing house for general information about products. In other words, it will seek to advise the consumer on what points to look for when he is buying an article. No advice will be given on any brand product.

Other objectives: Make advertising more factual, promote fair trade practices, watch state legislation, encourage grading of goods by labels, and discourage over-selling of installment payments.

Unemployment Insurance

When the legislature set July 1, 1938 as the date when payments could start from the Michigan unemployment compensation fund, the present business recession had not developed.

If payments could be made available early in 1938, the welfare load would be lightened as compensation could be paid to unemployed persons.

It is just another "straw in the wind" that Governor Murphy will call a second special session in 1938. A. F. of L. leaders anticipate such a call. After agreeing on what kind of a labor relations law they would prefer, they recently endorsed Murphy for re-election.

The A. F. of L. wants congress to amend the Social Security Act so that unemployment insurance benefits can be paid to workers engaged in strikes and so that the employer will foot the entire bill, thus eliminating contributions from employees. The C.I.O. favor use of some of the old age pension reserve at Washington for a vast housing program.

Work Projects

Every unemployed man in the automobile industry who has no savings account in reserve may be absorbed on WPA projects this winter, according to ambitious plans advanced by Louis M. Nims, state WPA director.

Cities are being asked to speed up plans for new work projects which four years ago provided relief checks for 187,000 persons and last year for some 75,000.

Street and sewer improvements

and grade separations are favored.

Congress appropriated one and a half billion dollars to keep unemployed persons at work during the present fiscal year ending next June 30. Within one month the Michigan relief load has increased 7,000 cases. State funds anticipated a load of 48,000 persons; today it is "over the top" by many thousands.

School's Plight

An appeal to Governor Murphy to include school financing in his call for a special session has been made by the Flint board of education. Flint schools will have to close one month early unless the legislature amends a state law so that money can be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of delinquent taxes, so the governor was told.

The state loan board is prohibited at present from approving loans against anticipated delinquent tax collections made by local governmental units. The law went into effect late this fall.

The 15-mill tax limitation amendment to the state constitution, which was adopted in 1932, put the skids under building of new school buildings. From 1923 to 1928 a total of \$117,000,000 was spent on school building construction throughout the state. But during the past five years the expenditures have dropped to only about \$10,000,000.

The tax limitation requires a two-thirds vote before more money can be raised. And then, the money must be repaid within five years.

According to the Michigan Education association, the situation is growing more serious each year.

Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, superintendent of public instruction, is quoted: "Either the 15-mill tax limitation must be eliminated, so local communities will have financial ability to raise money for school construction, or the State and Federal governments must provide money for school construction."

Ford Housing Idea

Amendment of the present Michigan Housing Authority act to permit municipalities to participate in the federal loan benefits is sought by housing leaders. The governor is being asked to include housing in his call for the special session, if and when it is held in 1938.

From Detroit comes interesting news to the effect that the Ford Foundation, a non-profit corporation operated for the "welfare of mankind" may construct 4,000 homes in Dearborn, each house on a quarter acre of land.

The foundation owns and operates Greenfield village and the Edison institute.

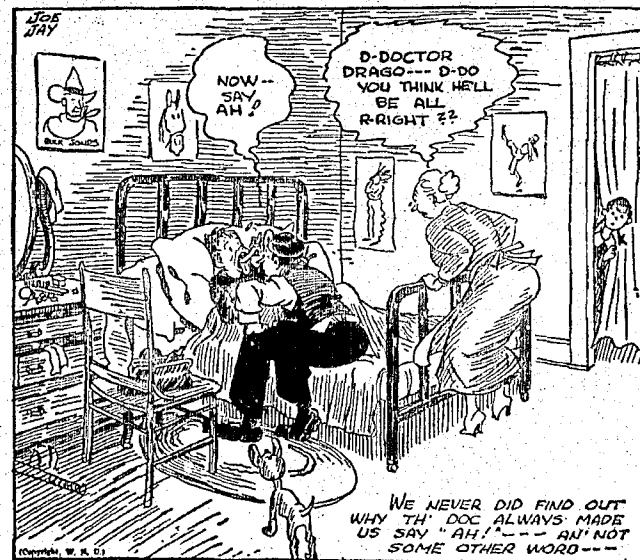
Gambling Again

One week after Attorney General Raymond W. Starr declared at Traverse City that slot-machines and organized gambling had been nearly eliminated in Michigan, Speaker George Schroeder revealed here that the legislative council was considering revival of its gambling investigation.

The probe, as authorized by a house resolution, stirred up a lot of publicity but that was about all. One of the investigators, Representative John F. Hamilton (D) of Detroit, resigned from the committee in apparent disgust at the ruling by the attorney general that the committee lacked legal authority.

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Events in the Lives of Little Men



WE NEVER DID FIND OUT WHY TH' DOC ALWAYS MADE US SAY "AH!"——— AH! NOT SOME OTHER WORD—

LOCALS

THURSDAY, DEC. 30, 1937

Robert J. Giffin is ill at his home with pneumonia.

The Supervisors will convene the 6th of January. Circuit court the 11th.

Rabbits may be hunted through January in the upper peninsula but not after December 31 in the lower peninsula.

Save your Christmas trees for the Winter Sports park. Place them in your front yards and a truck will pick them up.

Stanley Hummel purchased a new 1/2 ton truck of Alfred Hanson's Chevrolet Sales. It is nicely lettered "Maple Hill Farm."

Work on the construction of toboggan slides at the winter park has already begun. A couple of slides are already finished and others will be finished as rapidly as possible.

Don't forget the Bugle and Drum Corps' New Year ball Friday night. The committee says that masks will be off at 11:00 p. m. Come early or late, as you prefer. Only \$1.00 per couple. Spectators 35c. You may be assured of a good time.

While we're talking about the postoffice, we wonder if it would be possible to have a mail box on the corner of Michigan, avenue and Cedar street. That would be a great convenience for many people. A request by the City council we believe would get it.

Mrs. Frank Sales left Monday night for Detroit to attend a convention of the Ben Franklin League, an association of retail stores in Detroit.

Rev. Broe of Manistee delivered a sermon at the Danish Church Sunday. He visited in the Algot Johnson home over the week end, returning home Monday.

The Post Office reports an increase of about \$400.00 on postage sales over previous years; this is the best business ever enjoyed in the history of the Grayling post office.

The Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Buhl and daughter Lois of West Branch will be entertained by Rev. and Mrs. Orville Lee of the South Side church on Friday, Dec. 31st and will take part in the watch night service which will be held at the parsonage Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Emil Kraus, Jr., a student in the University of Detroit, has been elected president of the Arts and Sciences senior class of 1938, receiving all except four votes of the class. Emil is taking law and, according to reports, is an outstanding and popular student. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus of this city.

No more loafing in the postoffice lobby, says Postmaster McDonnell. That's because some people made a rowdy loafing place of it. It seemed to be a popular place for CCC boys during the evenings. Just because some people can't behave themselves the postoffice will be closed at 8:00 o'clock p. m. instead of 8:00. The convenience of having the lobby open evenings is going to be missed by a lot of people.

Mrs. Harley Kennedy is assisting in the Pete Lovely Restaurant.

Mrs. Wilfred Laurant has been absent from her duties at the Avalanche Office this week due to illness.

Fred Neiderer Jr., the eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neiderer, is very ill at his home with pneumonia.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Michelson Memorial Church will meet on Friday, January 7th, at the home of Mrs. Fred R. Welsh.

Better get a new fishing license if you expect to fish or spear thru the ice during the winter. All 1937 licenses are void after Friday.

Mrs. Thomas Edgar Douglas announced the engagement of her daughter Margaret Mildred Douglas, to Franklin Thurgate, of Columbus, Ohio, at a family dinner at their home in Lovells Christmas day.

Herbert W. Wolff, who underwent an operation in New York City last Friday, is getting along very favorably. His many Grayling friends are wishing for a speedy recovery.

Little Judy Fletcher told us, since there were no ornaments for their tree that her brothers and sisters placed it out of doors and trimmed it with bread crumbs for the birds, so they would have a merry Christmas too.

On the last page of the Avalanche appears a chronology of the events of this year. Important events are listed in such manner that they are easily reviewed. This page, if preserved, provides a reference that may be of use in future times.

Detroit snow trains are scheduled to come to Grayling January 9th. On the 16th besides the Detroit trains, there will be a train from Toledo, Ohio. It will be recalled that the Toledo schedule last season had to be canceled because of lack of snow and cold in Michigan. Let us hope that we won't again have to disappoint our Toledo friends. This latter train is being sponsored by The LaSalle & Koch Co., of that city.

"What Every Driver MUST Know" is the title of a booklet prepared by the Michigan State Police in cooperation with the Secretary of State, as part of their program to effectively administer Michigan's new driver-license law. About 2,000,000 of these booklets are being printed, and it is the desire of the safety department that every driver has one. Drivers MUST become familiar with these new requirements.

Memo Corwin and Carl Hanson left Sunday morning for Lebanon, Ind., to bring back a new bus for Grayling schools. They arrived home Tuesday night. The bus is mounted on an International Truck Co. chassis and is an exceptionally good one. It will go into service when school opens. Walter LaMotte is to be the driver. When passing thru Indianapolis they called on Mrs. Gene Baker (Mildred Corwin) and her husband, who reside at that city.

New Winter Highway Maps

Crawford Avalanche
Grayling, Michigan
Gentlemen:

Your copies of the new Winter Edition of the Official Michigan Highway Map have been placed in the mail today.

Your attention is called to a new safety feature on the reverse side of this map. A special section has been added explaining the meaning of the various types of direction and warning signs used on state trunk lines.

Highway travel today has virtually no winter restrictions. Every mile of highway in the state trunk line system is included in our winter maintenance program for snow removal and sanding. Commercial and recreational travel continues the year around. Michigan's winter sports activities are annually attracting thousands of persons to the northern part of the State. The reverse side of the map includes a series of snow removal and winter sports pictures to acquaint you with these activities.

The special winter edition of the map is prepared to provide the latest information on the Michigan Highway System.

This map is distributed by the Michigan State Highway Department at no charge. Please write if additional copies are desired.

Sincerely,
M. D. VanWagoner,
State Highway Commissioner.

Close Kiwanis Year With Ladies Night

Grayling Kiwanians and their ladies enjoyed one of the nicest parties the club has ever given, on Wednesday evening. It was the final meeting of the year. Nearly 100 were present.

Kiwanians love to sing and song leader Clarence Clippert kept the crowd busy with community singing while the first course was being served. It was a jolly crowd from start to closing, with a fine banquet, enjoyable program and dancing.

The program was brief. Retiring President O. P. Schumann gave a brief sketch of the activities of the club during the year. Dr. Clippert, on behalf of the club, presented retiring secretary-treasurer A. J. Joseph with a pair of handsome Kiwanis book ends. Likewise Rev. Flory presented Mrs. Clippert with similar book ends. "A. J." has served as secretary ever since the club was organized and during that time missed but one meeting. He is being succeeded by Roy Trudgeon. Mrs. Clippert is the club accompanist, and an honorary member of the club.

Charles Moore, this year's vice president, declined to accept the presidency because of other important community responsibilities. His successor will be Chris Olsen. The president's button that had been worn by past president C. G. Clippert and last year by Emil Giegling and this year by O. P. Schumann, was passed on to president-elect Dr. J. Fred Cook, who will assume the duties of his administration with the new year.

For entertaining numbers a violin quartette consisting of Beatrice Peterson, Betty Parsons, Billyann Clippert and Rhoda Jean Miller, was presented. It was surprising how well these young beginners played. Barbara Borchers sang "Away in the Manger," very nicely which was appropriate to the holiday season. And "Corky," a headliner on nearly all kiddie programs, did a fancy clog. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Holger F. Peterson. Each one of the young people having a part on the program merits a lot of credit.

With the Melody Makers of Lake City furnishing the music, the Kiwanians and their ladies had a most enjoyable evening of dancing.

Hunters Must Report

That Michigan sportsmen are cooperating with the Department of conservation in its check on deer and bear killed this season and last is indicated by the fact that nearly 10,000 of the hunter's report cards attached to licenses were returned during the first week after the close of the season, Nov. 30.

Return of the cards is required under the act passed during the last session of the state legislature. All hunters must report, whether or not they are successful in getting a buck or bear. The cards must be returned before Feb. 15 and failure to do so is a misdemeanor.

Similar regulations apply to holders of all hunting and trapping licenses. By this means the department can secure information concerning the numbers and kinds of smaller animals and birds that are taken each year.

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Saturday—
6:00 a. m. 25 degrees
12:00 m. 24 degrees
6:00 p. m. 24 degrees

Sunday—
6:00 a. m. 20 degrees
12:00 m. 24 degrees
6:00 p. m. 14 degrees

Monday—
6:00 a. m. 5 degrees
12:00 m. 30 degrees
6:00 p. m. 32 degrees

Tuesday—
6:00 a. m. 34 degrees
12:00 m. 30 degrees
6:00 p. m. 23 degrees

Wednesday—
6:00 a. m. 5 degrees
12:00 m. 32 degrees
6:00 p. m. 28 degrees

Thursday—
6:00 a. m. 28 degrees
12:00 m. 30 degrees

MRS. ODA HINKLEY DE GRAY
PASSES

Mrs. Oda (Hinkley) DeGraw of Holly, Mich., died of a heart attack December 23rd. Funeral services were held at that place Sunday, Dec. 26th.

Mrs. DeGraw left one daughter, Mrs. Wm. Keeley, together with six grandchildren.

Those attending the funeral from Grayling were: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Williams, son James, and daughters Elberta and Luelia, Harry Worden, Geo. Lutz; also a sister, Mrs. Mary Smith, of Vanderbilt, with several nephews and nieces.

Grange Notes

The Grangers are going to have a program and pot luck lunch on Saturday, Jan. 1st.

Those who have bought cement blocks recently are:
Mrs. Rosa Hoffman..... 50c
Mrs. And. Mortenson..... 50c
Andrew Mortenson,
In Remembrance..... 50c
Mrs. Dora Knecht..... 60c
Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schriber, in Remembrance..... 1.00

Thank You

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors who gave me their votes for the Mac & Gidley contest. Bobby Entsminger.

I want to thank everyone who gave me their votes in the Mac & Gidley contest.—Jack Barber.

Geo. Schaible Jr. wishes to thank every one who voted for him and helped to make the second prize possible for him in the Mac & Gidley contest recently held.

I wish to thank every one who voted for me, helping me to win first prize in the Mac & Gidley contest. Joanne Bishaw.

Treasury Disagrees With Farley
Providence, R. I.—Ashmun Brown, Washington correspondent for the Providence Journal, says that Postmaster General Farley's statement that the postal deficit is between \$5,000,000 and \$7,500,000 "is wrong. The Treasury has shown that the real deficit for the year is more than \$26,000,000."

RANDOM THOTS

Wishing you a Happy New Year.

Better start waxing up your skii and toboggans. It looks like fine winter sports weather ahead.

A cheerful disposition is like good medicine to those about you.

It looks as tho it isn't going to be quite so easy to get free cases of liquor for some of our higher-ups in Lansing.

Just because one happens to be an officer in the army or navy he shouldn't have greater privileges than private citizens. Furnishing officers with liquor at cost and without sales tax is rotten, in our opinion.

Well, Christmas is over and we are ready to finish up the year. Let us hope that next year will be better in every way than any previous year.

Seems good to have so many young people home from college.

Notice

In compliance with the Postal Laws and Regulations governing the protection of United States property, the public is duly informed that this Federal Building will close promptly at 6:00 P. M. daily. This order will remain in effect until adequate police protection to safeguard the government property is afforded.

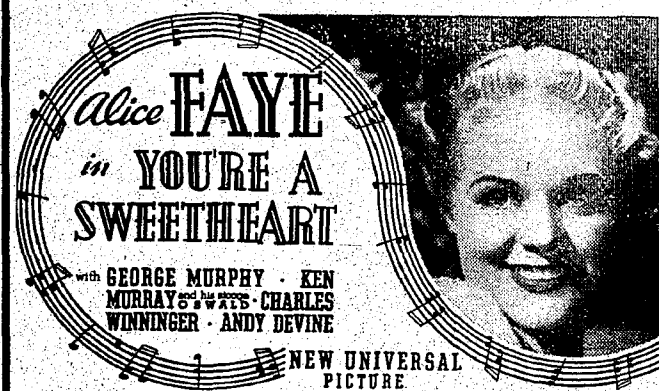
The Post Office Building is a business institution, and there is no intention to make this fine building a loafing place after 6:00 P. M.

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Postmaster, Grayling, Michigan.

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